In case of further delay in your missing no of the Linn. Journal I have just written to Mr Kippist to send you a copy containing Darwin's paper by post

Yours very sincerely

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My dear Gray

Immediately on receiving your note enclosed to Hooker I wrote to Kippist the Librarian of the Linnean Society and ascertained that ~~the~~ seven usual copies of the Linnean Journal No 9 (2 complete & 5 botany) were delivered in the usual manner addressed to you at Trübners on the 21st Augt I then wrote to Trübner and enclose his answer upon which you can make the necessary enquiries at Munroe & Co; I trust you will find the parcel safe there —

I am afraid you will be much disappointed when you see my paper ~~illustrative~~ explanatory of my Handbook for our excellent friend Boott has made some mistake. The part relating to Geographical distribution — which only contains a few general hints — has not yet been read — What I have read has only been some remarks on the terminology of duration bracts and fruits and on my ideas of genera and species — I expect to read the geographical distribution part (which I have just written out) at our first Feby meeting – some of the detailed notes on individual species which conclude the paper are not quite finished yet When it will be printed I do not know I fear it is too long for the Journal and I will probably make a supplemental part next year.

I have been detained an unconscionable time at two Dalbergian genera Machaerium & Lonchocarpus – of the latter I have been obliged to examine over and over again specimen after specimen till I am quite sick of it – so difficult to match flower and fruit – and fruits so different when flowers & leaves to all appearance the same. I have been obliged to suppress Sphinctolobium and Neuroscapha and it is with great difficulty I can keep Derris and Lonchocarpus distinct & only by putting L. pterocarpus DC and L. longifolius (Pl. Jav.) into Derris and some Asiatic & African ones into Lonchocarpus. but I do not see my way quite clear yet. It is very difficult also to distinguish Gliricidia from Millettia and I believe Otosema cannot stand – and all these but with more or less dehiscent pods come very near your Wisteria which however I have not yet studied well – At any rate I think that Millettia must be expelled from Dalbergieae A. de Candolle has got Mueller his quondam if not present herbarium keeper to ~~do the Eu~~ take in hand the Euphorbiaceae for the Prodromus He will have much to do to reconcile Klotzsch and Baillon who are both to publish their species (in opposition to each other I suppose) this summer – It is a pity so fine a family should be so hacked. A. DC is now finishing the Begonias and is then going to do the Cupuliferae in order to bring them out with Andersson's Willows – Meisner is advancing in the Laurineae

I trust we shall soon have Joseph Hooker's Introduction to his Tasmanian Flora – with some startling facts in Geographical distribution. He has I believe been working it out with great care We want something rational for a sedative after Agardh's highflown display of imagination